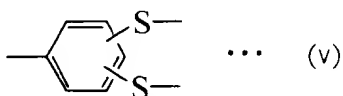
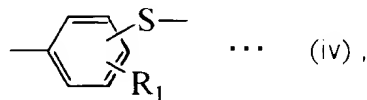
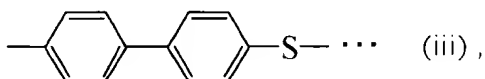
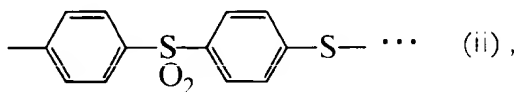
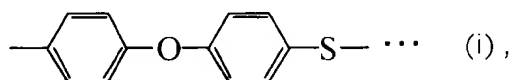


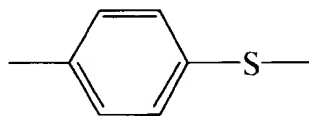
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within 30 mol% by at least one repeating unit selected from the group consisting of those represented by the following formulae (i)-(v):



wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents an alkyl group, a nitro group, a phenyl group or an alkoxy group.

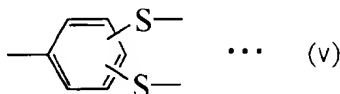
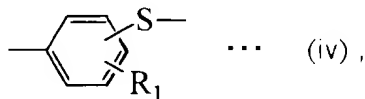
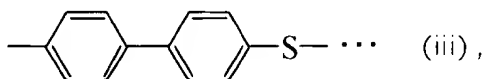
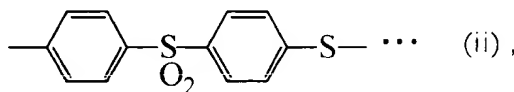
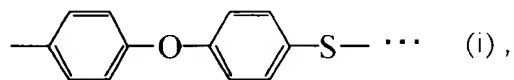
20. (New) The melt-blown, non-woven fabric according to claim 18, wherein said polyarylene sulfide is a homopolymer or a copolymer mainly composed of an aryene sulfide repeating unit represented by the following general formula:



said aryene sulfide repeating unit being 70 mol% or more, based on all the repeating units in said polyarylene sulfide, and said aryene sulfide repeating unit being substituted in a range

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within 30 mol% by at least one repeating unit selected from the group consisting of those represented by the following formulae (i)-(v):



wherein  $R_1$  represents an alkyl group, a nitro group, a phenyl group or an alkoxy group.